

Bassett Family Newsletter, Volume XIV, Issue 5, 22 May 2016

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Section 1 - Welcome

The following trees were added to the Bassett website database since the last newsletter:

517B. Oliver Bassett of Michigan (32 individuals added)

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 123.592

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Spring time in Salt Lake City, Utah

Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Zenas Doane Bassett picture and obituary

Zenas Doane Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Dorcas Joyce
Joseph Bassett and wife Susannah Howes
Daniel Bassett and wife Elizabeth Crowell
Daniel Bassett and wife Hannah Bearse
Joseph Bassett and wife Zeviah Bearse
Zenas Doane Bassett



Boston Traveler, Massachusetts, Wednesday, January 4, 1865
Death of Hon. Z.D. Bassett

Hon. Zenas D. Bassett, of Hyannis, died on Friday last of lung fever. He began life as cook in a fishing schooner, was afterwards a seaman on a coaster, captain of a merchant vessel, and subsequently a merchant in this city and in New York. He retired with a competency in 1880, and settled in Hyannis. He held many important positions, at different times, was twenty-eight years a Director in the Yarmouth Bank, served two years in the State Senate, was for several years Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and for twenty years President of the Barnstable County Insurance Company. During the war of 1812, he was captured by the British, and was confined in the Dartmouth prison. He was a man of exemplary habits, systematic in business, cautious, prudent, and steadfast in the support of his convictions.

I first wrote about Zenas Doane Bassett in 2005 when I received a copy of journal documenting his maritime days and capture by the British in the War of 1812. You can read this original article by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/newsletters/2005/20050116/20050116.shtml>

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Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Sarah Bassett of Downpatrick, Northern Ireland, Grocer

I am pretty certain that this Sarah Bassett belongs to the #34B Bassetts of County Down, but I am exactly sure who she is. There was a Henry Bassett who was a publican on Church Street, but his wife's name was not Sarah. Thomas Bassett married Sarah Bassett, his second cousin, and he ran a store on Church Street, so this may be the wife. Thomas and Sarah are thought to have gone to New Zealand at a later date.



Downpatrick Recorder, 25 April 1874

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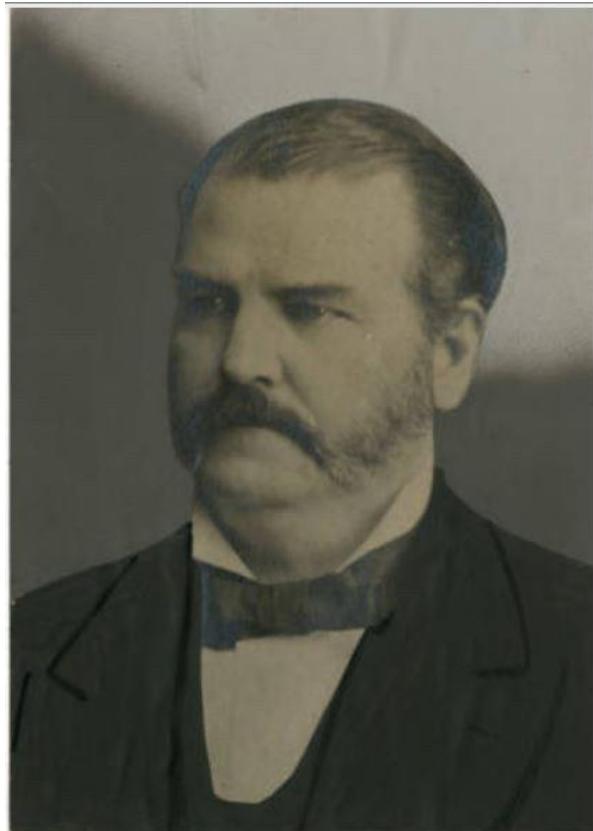
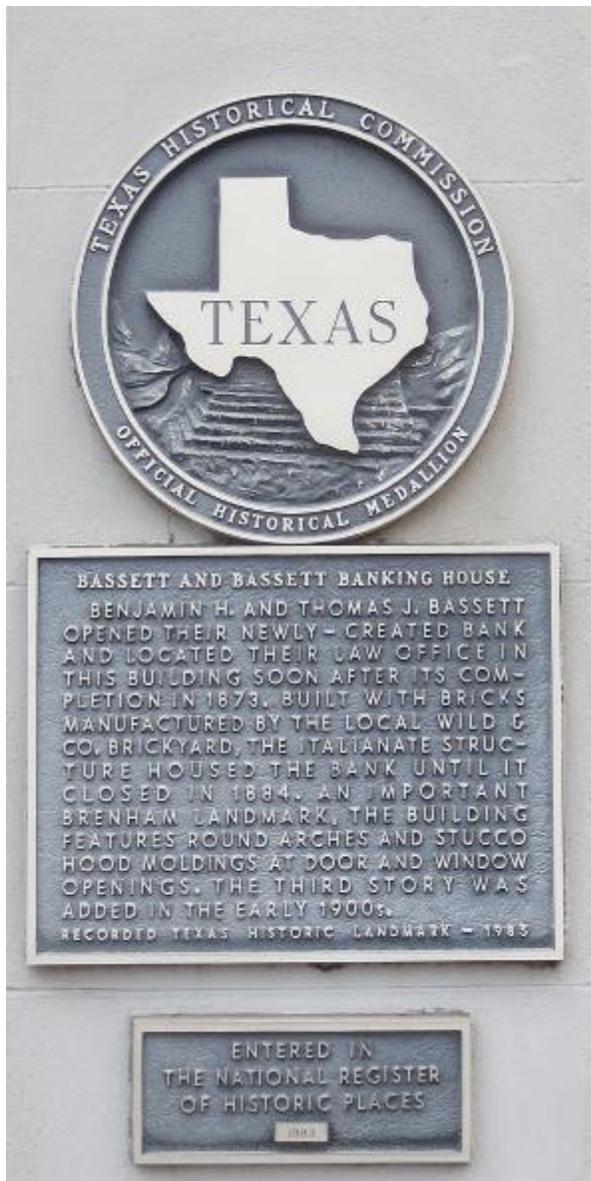
Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Benjamin Harrison Bassett of Texas

Benjamin Harrison Bassett descends from #59B William Henry Bassett as follows:

William Henry Bassett of Virginia (b. 1796) and wife Eleanor O'Neill
Benjamin Harrison Bassett (b. 1832) and wife Mary Burnet Bassett

Mary Burnet Bassett descends from #5B William Bassett of Virginia as follows:

William Bassett
William Bassett (b. 1604) and wife Bridget Cary
William Bassett (b. 1671) and wife Joanna Burwell
William Bassett (b. 1709) and wife Elizabeth Churchill
Burwell Bassett (b. 1734) and wife Anna Maria Dandridge
John Bassett (b. 1765) and wife Betty Carter Browne
George Washington Bassett (b. 1800) and wife Betty Burnet Lewis
Mary Burnett Bassett (b. 1839)



Benjamin Harrison Bassett 1831-1893

The Dallas Morning News, 28 Jun 1893
Major B.H. Bassett
Senior Professor of Law In the Texas University

Hon. B.H. Bassett, who has recently been chosen one of the law professors of the university of Texas, has been a citizen of Texas for nearly forty years. He was born in the parish of St. Mary, La., on the 24th of February, 1831, and is now in his sixty-third year. He was educated at the Jesuit college at Grand Coteau and took the law course at Yale, from which he graduated in 1853. In February, 1854, he came to Texas and settled at Brenham, Washington county, in the practice of law. In 1857 he formed a partnership with Hon. John Sales, which

continued, except for the period of the war, for nearly thirty years. In 1886 he associated with him Messrs. J.C. and E.B. Muse under the firm name of Bassett, Muse & Muse and in 1889, he and his present partner, J.C. Muse removed to Dallas, where they at once entered into a large and active practice. Judge Bassett has never sought or held office, except brief terms of service as special supreme and district judge, and a two years' term as one of the commissioners to codify the laws of Texas, which resulted in the adoption of the revised statutes of Texas. His greatest distinction has been achieved in the quiet walks of his profession. In connection with Gen. John Sales he has written a work on Texas pleading and practice and other books in use among the legal profession of the state. It is understood that he has several other works on Texas law in a state of forwardness which will be given to the profession in due time. Upon the organization of state troops by Gov Lubbock in 1862, Judge Bassett was assigned to duty on the governor's staff as one of his aids, and assisted in the work of organization form which he was afterward relieved at his own request, to take position on the staff of Gen. J.P. Major in the Texas-Mississippi department with whom he served until the close of the war with rank of major. Judge Bassett is still in the full vigor of manhood and health, and in the language of his associates of the Dallas bar, "he brings to the discharge of the duties of his position, a broad and varied experience, a matured judgment, and untiring industry, the modesty and piety of a christian gentleman and a lofty sense of the honor and dignity of his profession." Mr. J. C. Muse says of him: "It may be well said that the appointment of Judge Bassett to a law professorship in the university is in every way fit to be made, and that it is matter of congratulation to the state at large as well as to the university and the young men who are to enjoy its privileges."

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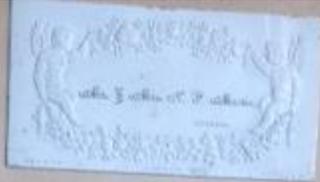
[Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Abbot Bassett Family Scrapbook pictures](#)

Abbot Bassett descends from #4B William Bassett of Lynn, Massachusetts as follows:

William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Sarah Burt
William Bassett (b. 1647) and wife Sarah Hood
John Bassett (b. 1682) and wife Abigail Berry
Zephaniah Bassett and wife Mary
Edward Bassett (b. 1742) and wife Huldah Cleverly
Samuel Bassett (b. 1775) and wife Elizabeth Scott
Edward Bassett (b. 1809) and wife Clara Jane Morgan
Abbot Bassett (b. 1845 Chelsea)

Abbot was at one time the president of the Bassett Family Association (1899) and served as secretary of the League of American Wheelman.

While on a recent trip to Boston, I visited the archives at the Massachusetts Historical Society and had a chance to see a family scrapbook from the Abbot Bassett family. I will feature several pictures this month and few more next month.

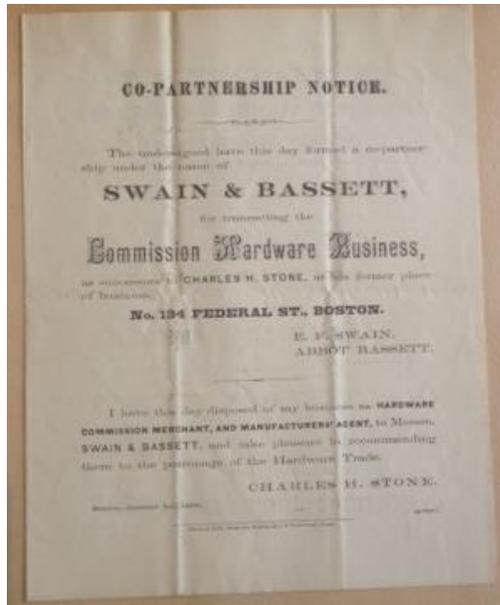


Edward Bassett of Chelsea married Clara Jane Morgan of Lynn January 25, 1851.
Kneff & Martin of Hallowell married her sister, Mary Ann, the same evening. The
card is that of Mr. and Mrs. Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett had cards after the
model, and the same unclothed children displayed the same kind of flowers.
Written by Abbot Bassett.

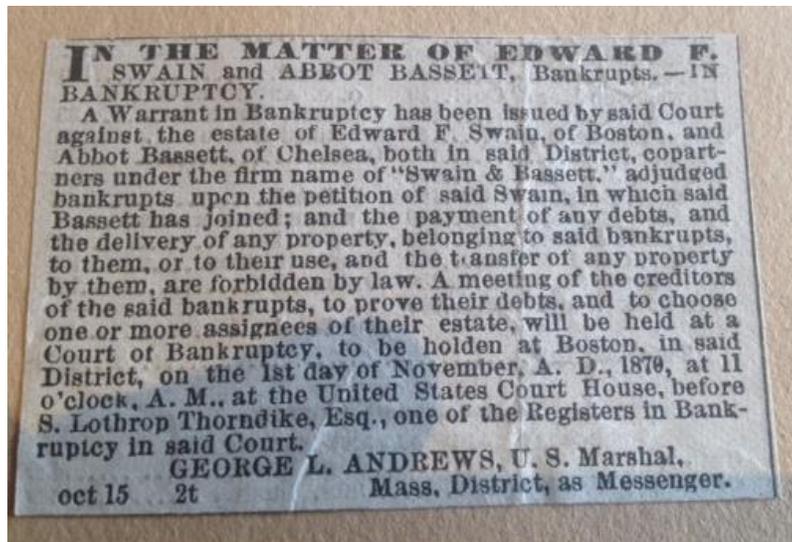
Mrs. Bassett's
wedding
dress.



Picture of Edward Bassett and Clara Jane Morgan with sample of wedding dress



Swain & Bassett Partnership Papers



News article about Bankruptcy of Swain & Bassett

To read the original newsletter article about Abbot Bassett, click on the link below.

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/newsletters/2009/06/200906.shtml>

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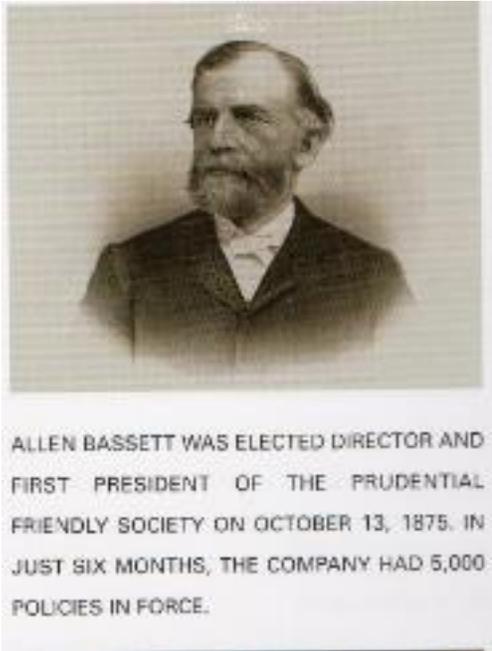
[Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Allan Lee Bassett, First President of Prudential Insurance](#)

Allan Lee Bassett descends from #1B John Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

John Bassett and wife Margery

Robert Bassett and wife Mary
Robert Bassett (b. 1640) and wife Elizabeth Riggs
Captain Samuel Bassett (b. 1692) and wife Deborah Bennett
Benjamin Bassett (b. 1740) and wife Molly Hinman
John Bassett (b. 1779) and wife Nancy Atwater Lee
Allan Lee Bassett (b. 1827)

While on a recent business trip to North Haven, Connecticut, my co-worker met with her cousin that works at Prudential Insurance. They dug through the archives and found a few items for me and also sent me a copy of the book "Voices of Prudential and Its People"



From "Voices of Prudential and Its People"

New York Herald-Tribune, December 15, 1892

Allen L. Bassett

Allen L. Bassett, president of the Board of Trade of Newark, died at his house, No. 17 Clinton-ave., Newark, yesterday, in his sixty-sixth year, from pleura-pneumonia. Mr. Bassett was born in Derby, a suburb of New Haven, Conn. Before he was of age he went to New York City and there engaged in the wholesale and jobbing hardware business until the war broke out, when he became captain of Company D, 23d Regiment, New York Volunteers, and served as such until after the battle of Gettysburg. Impaired health compelled him to resign his commission. In 1879 he went to Newark. Within a few years, he organized and became the first president of the Prudential Insurance Company. He remained with that company four years, and then associated

himself, as resident manager, with the Metropolitan Industrial Insurance Company, of New York. This position he held at his death. Mr. Bassett became a member of the Newark Board of Trade in June, 1880, and was soon one of its most active and useful members. He was vice-president and president in 1887 and 1888, and was elected again as president that year. Mr. Bassett was a Republican, and he spoke for the party in many campaigns, but the only office he ever held was that of Coroner. He left a widow and two children. The latter are Carroll Phillips Bassett, a civil engineer, and Allena Bassett.

Schedule No. 1.

No. 1. Name of member.	No. 2. Contribution.	No. 3. Benefit.
<i>Allen L. Bassett</i>	\$ <i>9.58</i>	A. \$ <i>104</i> B. \$ <i>16.66</i> C. \$ <i>2007</i>

This certificate is issued and accepted, subject to the conditions and agreements hereto annexed, which are considered as a part hereof.

In witness whereof, the said, THE PRUDENTIAL FRIENDLY SOCIETY, have caused these presents to be signed by their President and attested by their Secretary, at the city of Newark, New Jersey, this

15 day of November eighteen hundred and

seventy-five

Not valid until countersigned by the Agent of District No. _____

Allen L. Bassett
President.

John F. Dryden
Secretary.

Countersigned: *J. Price*
Agent.

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Insurance Policy for Allen L. Bassett Card showing company officers

Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Brian Irvin Bassett, World War II soldier

Brian Irvin Bassett descends from the #34B County Down, Ireland Bassetts as follows:

- John Bassett and wife Agnes Welshman
- John Bassett and wife Mary Casement
- William Bassett (b. 1797) and wife Ann Jane Parkinson
- Samuel Kennedy Bassett (b. 1840) and wife Elizabeth Robinson McClurg

Samuel East Kennedy Bassett (b. 1875) and wife Jane Doxon
Brian Irvin Bassett (b. 1911)

Press, 17 July 1942, New Zealand
Major Brian Bassett
Reported Killed in Action

Advice has been received that Major Brian Irvin Bassett has been killed in action. He enlisted at the outbreak of war and sailed with the 2nd Echelon as intelligence officer.

Major Bassett, the youngest son of Mr. S.K. Bassett, of Sumner, was educated at the Cathedral Grammar School and Christ's College (1921-22). He obtained his degree of laws in 1938, and continued to practice law with the firm of Weston, War, and Lascelles. Before leaving New Zealand he served for some time with the territorial force.

While in England, Major Bassett had the experience of being under shellfire from France. He broadcast the Christmas message of the 2nd Echelon. He fought with distinction through the fighting in Greece, and at the end of the campaign was reported missing. It was found later that he had chosen to remain to organize the evacuation of stragglers from Raphina beach; and it was his lucky torch signal that enabled a destroyer to withdraw hundreds of late arrivals at the beach.

On his arrival in Crete he was appointed brigade-major of Lieutenant-Colonel H.K. Kippenberger's Composite Brigade, and, as such, he served with gallantry in the bitter fighting at Maleme and Galatos. He was recommended for the Military Cross. He was promoted to captain when he reached Egypt and was selected by Brigadier L.M. Inglis as brigade-major of the 4th Brigade.

Major Bassett was mentioned in dispatches for his work in the intense and exhausting fighting in Libya last year. For four months this year he attended a special staff course at Haifa, and later resumed his appointment with Brigadier Inglis. He also took part in the recent fighting that led up to the halting of Marshal Rommel at Alamein. He was 30 years of age.

Major Bassett in 1936 married Miss Joyce Hughes, of Christchurch.



Weekly News Portrait

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Section 8 - New family lines combined or added since the last newsletter

The following family lines have been combined/eliminated since the last newsletter.

491B. Job Albert Bassett of Leicester combined into the #132B John Bassett of Leicester Family

The following family lines have been added since the last newsletter.

517B. Oliver Bassett of Michigan

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Section 9 - DNA project update.

Results are back for kit 492248. He descends from #7B William Bassett of Cross Plains, Indiana. He matches exactly to the other descendant of this family.

4998	#7B Bassett of Ripley County, IN	14	23	16	10	12	16	11	15	11	14	11	30	19	8	9	11	11	26	14	18	30	14	14	15	15	10	10	20	21	14	10	16	17	34	36	12	10
492248	#7B Bassett of Ripley County, IN	14	23	16	10	12	16	11	15	11	14	11	30	19	8	9	11	11	26	14	18	30	14	14	15	15	10	10	20	21	14	10	16	17	34	36	12	10

Donations of any amount can be made to the Bassett DNA project by clicking on the link below. Any funds donated will be used to fund select Bassett DNA tests that will further our project as a whole and benefit all Bassetts worldwide.

<http://www.familyreedna.com/group-general-fund-contribution.aspx?g=Bassett>

This is just a reminder that the DNA portion of the Bassett Family Association can be found at:

A current spreadsheet of results can be found at:

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/dna/BassettDNA.xls>

If you don't have Excel and can't open the spreadsheet above, you can now see the DNA test results at the following website.

<http://www.familyreedna.com/public/Bassett/>

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